

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph abridging pages 30-31 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

First, when the power is turned on, the system controller 54 supplies control signals for initialization to the main-scan drive circuit 61, the sub-scan drive circuit 62, and the head drive circuit 63 in accordance with the results of the decoding of initialization program data that are read from the main memory 56. In this way, the drive force of the CR motor 30 is conveyed to the carriage 28, then stopping it so that the print head 36 stops at an initial position~~at a predetermined initial position. That is, the print head 36 also stops at the same initial position~~ (see Fig. 11(a) and Fig. 12(a)).

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 31 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

The main-scan drive circuit 61 drives the CR motor 30 so that the print head 36 stops at a predetermined position on the left edge side of the print paper P in the main-scanning direction. In this way, the print head 36 moves from the initial position up to the predetermined position ~~of the left edge of the print paper P~~ and stops (see Fig. 11(b) and Fig. 12(b)). It should be noted that the predetermined position of the left edge of the print paper P is a position slightly to the left ~~right~~ from the left edge of the print paper P (S8).

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 32 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

When the measurement result obtained from the electric signal measuring section 66 is the logic value “L” (S10: NO), the system controller 54 determines that light is emitted onto the print paper P in a state in which the upper left end, in the sub-scanning direction, of the print paper P is leading its upper right end, and supplies to the sub-scan drive circuit 62 a control signal for step-driving the PF motor 31.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 36 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

When the measurement result obtained from the electric signal measuring section 66 is the logic value “L” in step S28 (S28: YES), the system controller 54 determines that light has been irradiated onto the upper left end of the print paper P in the sub-scanning direction. At this time, if the negative branch of step S10 has been executed, then the system controller 54 determines that the upper left end, in the sub-scanning direction, of the print paper P is leading the upper right end (see Fig. 11(e)), and if the positive branch of step S10 is executed without the negative branch being executed even once, then the system controller 54 determines that the upper right end, in the sub-scanning direction, of the print paper P is leading the upper left end (see Fig. 12(e)). Also, it writes “0” to the RAM 57 as the position information PF of the upper edge of the print paper P (S36).

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 37 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Specifically, making it difficult for the electric signal measuring section 66 to detect the light irradiated onto the print paper P is equivalent to the print head 36 ~~beginning to move in the main-scanning direction from a predetermined position of the left side toward a predetermined position of the right side of the print paper P in a state where the print head 36 appears to have moved in the sub-scanning direction in correspondence with how difficult it has been made for the electric signal measuring section 66 to detect the light irradiated onto the print paper P.~~